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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA

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Act of Constituting THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA



The Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio

Wednesday Morning

November 29, 1950

Order of Service

Act of Constituting

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PRESIDING: DR. FRANKLIN C. FRY

HYMN... THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (The people standing)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till, with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

(The people will be seated)

ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATIONS

(The chairman will call upon the denominational delegations to rise. He will ask them the following question:)

(Chairman)

Do you, as members of the constituting denominations declare that your communions have approved the formation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and have agreed to become members thereof, and do now authorize your representatives to sign the official documents?)

(Delegations will reply in unison:)

WE Do.

(The denominational delegations will be seated.)

(Chairman)

Consent having been given, and authority having been invested in twenty-nine denominational representatives to affix their names to the official documents, I now call upon each of these duly appointed representatives to come forward and sign such official documents as the name of his communion is announced:

African Methodist Episcopal Church African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church American Baptist Convention Augustana Lutheran Church Church of the Brethren Colored Methodist Episcopal Church Congregational Christian Churches Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church Evangelical United Brethren Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in N.A. Friends-Five Years Meeting Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity Methodist Church Moravian Church (No. and So. Provinces)

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. National Baptist Convention of America

Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Protestant Episcopal Church Reformed Church in America Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of

America
Russian Orthodox Church in America
Seventh Day Banticts Congrel Con-

Seventh Day Baptists General Conference

Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America

United Lutheran Church in America United Presbyterian Church of N.A.

(After all have signed the chairman will declare:)

THE ACT OF CONSTITUTION

(Chairman)

The representatives of the communions have now certified their official intent to be members of and to share in the work of the National Council. Therefore, as your presiding officer, I declare that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is officially constituted. Let us now dedicate it to the glory of God and to the service of mankind.

(The people will stand and join in the following expression of dedication in unison with the chairman:)

THE DEDICATION

(All in Unison)

And now, as a fellowship of Christian churches, In the communion of the saints, In love and goodwill toward all, In gratitude for the labors and sacrifices of our fathers, In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course, Acknowledging that without us their work is not made perfect, We invoke the blessing of God upon this National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

And dedicate the Council to His glory and the service of mankind, In the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Organ fades in during the dedication and proceeds to a crescendo leading into the Doxology.)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(The people will be seated.)

Demonstration of New Allegiance by the Interdenominational Agencies

(The chairman will turn to the representatives of the following interdenominational Agencies and will ask them to stand)

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
The Foreign Missions Conference of North America
The Home Missions Council of North America

The International Council of Religious Education The Missionary Education Movement of the U.S. and Canada

The National Protestant Council on Higher Education

The United Council of Church Women

The United Stewardship Council

(Chairman)

As a demonstration of your relationship within this National Council of Churches, which has come into being as the result of your joint initiative, and as a visible sign of the delegation of your responsibilities to the newly formed organization, will you place in my hands official documents indicating that you are now united in this new organization of cooperative Christianity?

(Agencies)

WE WILL.

(Each representative of the Agencies hands the chairman a document which he places beside the other official documents. The representatives will be scated.)

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(Chairman)

State, County and City Councils of Churches cooperate with the National Council in communities throughout the nation. As an expression of their new relationship to this Council, and of their devotion to the cause of Christian cooperation, their representative will lead all of us in the prayer of consecration to new tasks.

(All representatives of State, County and City Councils of Churches will stand during the prayer.)

Prayer led by the representative of the Councils of Churches.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose wisdom is everlasting and whose patience is very great, we thank Thee for this hour of achievement and promise. As we bow before Thee, kindle our imagination that we may more clearly envision the possibilities which Thou hast set before us, and more quickly think Thy thoughts after Thee. Inspire us with a holy zeal for the new tasks, and a renewed determination to press on in our high calling in Christ Jesus.

As we go forward together, grant us, most loving Father, new insights into Thy truth and a deeper understanding of one another. Lead us into new experiences of unity, new paths of service and new areas of victory. Mindful of Thy steadfastness beyond our weakness and Thy resources beyond our frailties, may we be strengthened to fulfill Thy expectations

or us.

Accept from us, our gracious Father, unworthy though we be, all that we have and are as an offering upon Thine altar.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our living Saviour and Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost we give adoring praise, world without end. Amen.

(Chairman)

This Act of Constituting the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America will close with the singing of the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory".

(The people will rise)

Hymn . . . God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour. Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise:

Free our hearts to faith and praise: Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

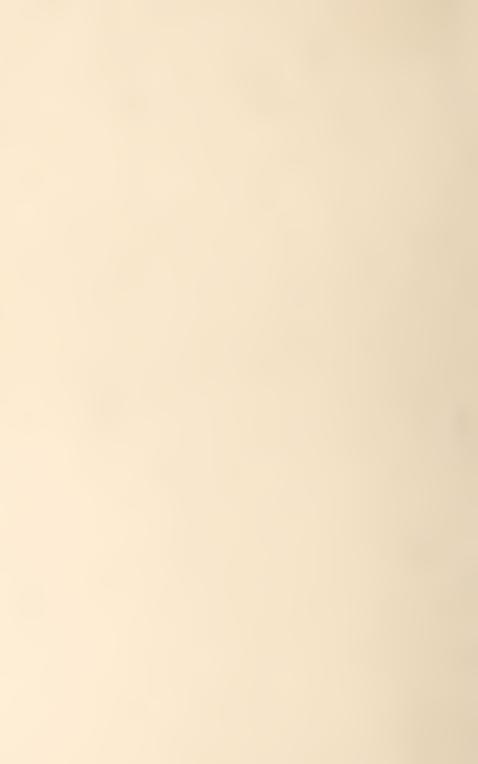
Set our feet on lofty places: Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee!

RECESSIONAL

(Beginning with the second verse of the hymn, the representatives on the platform will form a Recessional and proceed to the rear of the Auditorium. All will be seated after singing the hymn.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This order of service was prepared by a special committee at the request of the Planning Committee. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber served as chairman, with Mr. Donald C. Bolles and Dr. Gerald E. Knoff. The committee desires to express appreciation to Prof. Fred Eastman for preparing the original draft of the script, and to Miss Elizabeth Woodbridge for her assistance.





PROGRAM AND GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTING CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 28 — December 1, 1950

GENERAL THEME

This Nation Under God



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Foreword

As Chairman of the Planning Committee for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, it is my privilege to welcome you to its Constituting Convention and its first General Assembly.

Behind this gathering lie ten years of continuous discussion of the best procedure for bringing about fuller fellowship and greater cooperation among the churches of our country. The plan which is now to be consummated in the middle of the twentieth century is a natural outgrowth of the achievements of the first half of the century. It is made possible by the work of the cooperative agencies which have already been tested by fruitful experience. It draws them together into a new Council, embracing all their interests and directly responsible to the churches to which the Council owes its life.

The new Council should be regarded not only as a more effective instrument for common tasks but as something still more significant. It is the outward manifestation of a deepening sense of our spiritual unity in our Lord Jesus Christ as the one Head of the Church. It is a forward movement in the direction of a greater Christian unity while at the same time we preserve the Christian liberty which is our precious heritage.

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, Chairman of the Planning Committee

The Constituting Communions

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION Augustana Lutheran Church CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church DISCIPLES OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH Evangelical United Brethren Church Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in N. A. FRIENDS - FIVE YEARS MEETING FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY Methodist Church Moravian Church in America (No. and So. Prov.) NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA ROUMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE OF AMERICA RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church UKBAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA United Lutheran Church in America UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF N. A.

The Merging Interdenominational Agencies

The eight agencies which took initiative in planning the National Council and in uniting their efforts in it are:

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
Foreign Missions Conference of North America
Home Missions Council of North America
International Council of Religious Education
Missionary Education Movement of the U. S. and Canada
National Protestant Council on Higher Education
United Council of Church Women
United Stewardship Council

Other agencies which subsequently decided to merge their efforts:

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
INTER-SEMINARY COMMITTEE
PROTESTANT FILM COMMISSION
PROTESTANT RADIO COMMISSION

In Grateful Appreciation

We acknowledge our deepest gratitude to the countless hundreds of devoted Christian men and women who have brought us to this moment of fruition of the plans for the National Council of the Churches of Christ and to others to whom fell the responsibility for planning and arranging the Constituting Convention.

General Information

MEETING PLACES—All morning plenary sessions and all general evening meetings are in the Auditorium's Arena; the afternoon programs of visiting delegates are in the Auditorium's Music Hall. Those of National Council divisions and other units are as noted under Schedule of Meetings page 19.

SEATING AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Voting Representatives to the Constituting Convention—persons officially appointed by denominations according to the provisions of the constitution. They are assigned the seats at tables in Section A on the ground floor of the Auditorium.

Alternate Voting Representatives — persons appointed to serve in case official representatives are unable to do so. Alternates are assigned to section B on the ground floor of the Auditorium at the business sessions.

Consultants—persons who compose the staffs and official boards of the uniting agencies and the staffs of cooperating state and local councils. They are seated in section B on the ground floor of the Auditorium at the business sessions.

Invited Guests—a limited number of persons, including speakers on the program, invited because of special contributions which they may make. They are seated at designated tables on the ground floor of the Auditorium at the business sessions, together with fraternal delegates from several Christian bodies.

Visiting Delegates—persons who are serving on committees or other organized groups of the uniting agencies, plus additional persons who have been chosen by denominations or councils according to quotas for attendance at Cleveland. They are seated in the balcony and in a limited number of chairs on the periphery of the ground floor.

Section A is reserved for voting representatives at all sessions. At the *evening* sessions all seats except those at the tables in Section A are available for any persons in attendance.

At the afternoon sessions for visiting delegates in the Music Hall all seats are open for any persons in attendance.

ENTRANCES—All persons will use Lakeside Avenue entrance for morning and evening sessions. Registered delegates will use St. Claire Avenue entrance to Music Hall for afternoon sessions; single admissions must be obtained at Lakeside Avenue entrance. The Press entrance is on the Mall.

BADGES—Please wear your badges at all sessions. There are different colored badges for delegates as follows:

White-Voting Representatives Yellow-Alternate Voting Representatives

Blue-Consultants

Green-Visiting delegates

Gold-Fraternal delegates and invited guests

Buff-Visiting student delegates
White marked "Press" – Accredited
Press including newspapermen,
religious editors, press photographers, radio and television.

Green on Yellow Ribbon-Convention Staff.

Fellowship Center—A lounge with easy chairs and divans, where delegates may relax and meet their friends, is in the Arcade on the lower level. It may be reached through Exhibit Hall. Restrooms are on all floors except the main floor.

Convention Offices: Planning Committee and Convention Committee on Arrangements Room 143; Registration in main lobby; Press and Radio, corridor on Mall side near Arena stage; Ushers 208; Choir 201-301; Visiting Student delegates, Clubroom C; Information Center, Exhibit Hall, lower level; Radio Studio, second floor. "National Council News"—convention newspaper—in Press Room.

Service Facilities: Public Restaurant in Arcade, lower level; Lost and Found at Registration Center; Branch Postoffice, main lobby; Western Union telegraph, foyer, and Airlines, foyer. Public telephones are located in corridors.

SPECIAL NOTICES

RECORDINGS — Delegates desiring to make wire or tape recordings with their own machines of convention proceedings should inquire at the Studio on the second floor.

PHOTOGRAPHERS—Amateur photographers may inquire of an usher concerning regulations in effect to assure the orderly conduct of 'he convention. Press photographers apply to Press Room.

Pictures—of various scenes at the convention may be purchased at the Information Center in Exhibit Hall. Arrangements also may be made for photographs of special groups.

Copies of Speeches—The convention newspaper "National Council News" will carry excerpts from the principal addresses. The texts of all speeches will be included in a commemorative booklet to be published shortly after the convention. Texts of speeches will not be available for delegates at the convention.



The Convention Program

GENERAL THEME:

This Nation Under God

Organist, Mr. VINCENT PERCY Song Leader, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch

Tuesday Evening, November 28, at 8:00 IN THE AUDITORIUM

Opening Service of Worship and Thanksgiving Acts of Worship, led by

Dr. P. O. Bersell,

President of the Augustana Lutheran Church

BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG,

President of the Council of Bishops, African Methodist Episcopal Church President Benjamin R. Lacy, Jr.,

Moderator of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

RT. REV. FRANK W. STERRETT

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Dr. Henry A. Vruwink,

President of General Synod of Reformed Church in America

SERMON: DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Minister of Christ Church (Methodist), New York, N. Y.

Music by the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church Choir of Cleveland Mr. Elwin Haskin, Director

Wednesday Morning, November 29, at 9:30 IN THE AUDITORIUM

PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Presiding, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America

Procession of Official Delegates

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE, led by BISHOP JOHN S. STAMM, Evangelical United Brethren Church

Report of the Planning Committee

Dr. Hermann N. Morse, Secretary and Acting Chairman:

Reading of the Call for this Meeting

The Constitution as submitted to the Denominations and Interdenominational Agencies

Statements of Approval by Denominations and Interdenominational Agencies

Announcement of Chairmen and Recording Secretaries for this Meeting Statement concerning Registration and Credentials Reading of Charter and Action thereunder

Act of Constituting the Council (See special program)

Signing of Official Documents by Denominational Representatives

Delegation of Responsibilities to National Council by Representatives of Interdenominational Agencies

Declaration that Council Now Exists

Prayer for God's Blessing. Dr. Hugh C. Burr, Executive Secretary of Federation of Churches, Rochester, N. Y.

The Doxology

Welcome from the Cleveland Church Federation Mr. Herbert J. Lambacher, President

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (continued):

Adoption of Agenda and Program

Appointment of Convention Committees: On Registration and Credentials, on Business, on Message, on Resolutions of Courtesy

Recommended Amendments to Constitution

Recommended General By-Laws

Statement concerning Organization of Divisions, General Departments, Joint Departments, Central Departments, Commissions

Legal Matters

Action on Constitution, with Amendments Recommended by Planning Committee

Assignment of Members of the Council to Serve as Members of Four Divisions

ORDER OF THE DAY AT 12:00 O'CLOCK—Worship, led by Mrs. Howard G. Colwell, former President of American Baptist Convention

Wednesday Afternoon, November 29, at 2:15

A. Initial Meetings of the Four Divisions for Purposes of Organization:

Division of Home Missions: Assembly Room, Hotel Hollenden Division of Foreign Missions: Ball Room, Hotel Hollenden Division of Christian Educatoin: Ball Room, Hotel Cleveland Division of Christian Life and Work: Euclid Ball Room, Hotel Statler

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B. For Visiting Delegates—General Session In Music Hall Theme: "This Nation Under God—Our Educational Task"

Presiding: MRS. CLIFFORD HEINZ

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE led by Dr. DESMOND W. BITTINGER, President of Mc-Pherson College

Addresses: "Religious Education—Foundation of the National Life," by Prof. Nevin C. Harner, Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Penna.

"The Christian College and the National Life," by President Howard F. Lowry, College of Wooster

Music by the a cappella choir of Oberlin University
PROF. ROBERT FOUNTAIN, Director

An Announcement: "The Call to United Christian Youth Action," by F. William Barrick, President of the United Christian Youth Movement "Christian Youth and the Nation," by John Deschner, Executive Secretary, United Student Christian Council

"The Nation's Dependence on the Local Church," by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Minister of Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Wednesday Evening, November 29, at 8:00 IN THE AUDITORIUM

Theme: "This Nation Under God"

Presiding: Dr. Edward H. Pruden, President of the American Baptist Convention

Welcome from the City of Cleveland Hon. Thomas Burke, Mayor

Address: Hon. Dean G. Acheson, Secretary of State of the United States of America

Music by the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra:

F. KARL GROSSMAN, Conductor

Thursday Morning, November 30, at 9:30 IN THE AUDITORIUM

PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Presiding: BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church.

Period of Meditation and Prayer led by Errol F. Elliott, Clerk of Five Years Meeting of Friends

Action on Constitution, with Amendments Recommended by Planning Committee (continued)

a. Vote by Assembly

b. Vote by Delegations

Proposed Amendments (if any) to General By-Laws

Address: "Our Christian Responsibility for Men and Women in the Armed Forces" by Chaplain Stanton W. Salisbury (U.S.N.), Chairman of the Board of Chaplains

General Recommendations of Planning Committee for Consideration by National Council

Reports from Meetings of the Divisions

Report of General Board on Assignment of Members to General Departments, Joint Departments, Central Departments

Other Business of the Council

Order of the Day at 12:00—Worship, led by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College

Thursday Afternoon, November 30, at 2:15

A. Initial Meetings of General Departments and Joint Departments for Purposes of Organization:

General Department of United Church Women, Euclid Ball Room, Hotel Statler

General Department of United Church Men, Assembly Room, Hotel Hollenden

Commission on Christian Higher Education, Rose Room, Hotel Cleveland

Joint Commission on Missionary Education, Red Room, Hotel Cleveland

Joint Department of Stewardship, Room 345, Hotel Statler

Joint Department of Evangelism, Ohio Room, Hotel Statler

Joint Department of Religious Liberty, Parlor C, Hotel Statler

Joint Department of Christian Family Life, Private Dining Room 34-36, Hotel Cleveland

Hotel Cleveland

Joint Department of American Communities Overseas, Parlor B, Hotel Hollenden

At 4:00 o'clock

Commission on General Christian Education, Ball Room, Hotel Cleveland

Joint Department of Christian Life Service, Empire Room, Hotel Cleveland

Note: For the General Department of United Church Men, since this is a new structure without a previous organizational base, the program will include a discussion as to its purpose and program. Mr. J. Howard Pew, former President of the Sun Oil Company, will speak as chairman of the group of lay sponsors for the Constituting Convention. Mr. Chilton G. Bennett, Director of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church, will speak from the viewpoint of the denominational lay organizations. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Board of Education and Publication, will represent the Planning Committee for the National Council.

B. For Visiting Delegates—General Session in Music Hall Theme: "This Nation Under God—Our Missionary Responsibility" Presiding: Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor

Devotional Service led by Dr. J. Lowrie Anderson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

Address: "The Church in the Nation," by Dr. Hermann N. Morse, General Secretary, Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Address: "The Church in the World," by Dr. Sarah Chakko, President of Isabella Thoburn College, India; Secretary of the World Council's Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church

Music by Baldwin-Wallace College Choir: Cecil W. Munk, Conductor

Address: "Our Missionary Responsibility in the Nation and the World," by Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, Executive Secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches

Address: "God and the Nations," by Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan

Thursday Evening, November 30, at 7:45 IN THE AUDITORIUM

Theme: "The Nations Under God"

Presiding: Dr. Hugh I. Evans, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Address: "The Church in the World of Nations," by Dr. W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT, General Secretary of World Council of Churches

Music by The Singers' Club: Robert M. Stofer, Conductor

Address: "The Spiritual Bases of Western Civilization," by Sir Oliver S. Franks, Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States of America

Messages by short wave broadcasts from Christian leaders of other lands (From 9:40 p.m. to 10 p.m.)

HIS GRACE, THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK
BISHOP HANS LILJE OF Hanover, Germany
MISS HELEN KIM, President of Ewha College, Seoul, Korea
DR. GONZALO BAEZ-CAMARGO, Secretary, National Evangelical
Council of Mexico

Friday Morning, December 1, at 9:30 IN THE AUDITORIUM

PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presiding: Dr. L. W. Goebel, President of Evangelical and Reformed Church

Scripture and Prayer: Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church

Action on Constitution and By-Laws (concluded)

Reports of Committees: On Registration and Credentials, on Resolutions of Courtesy, on Business

Report of General Board on Nominations

Election of Officers

Address: "The Laity and the National Council" by Dr. Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania

Reports from General Departments and Joint Departments and Joint Commissions

Statement concerning Budget for 1951 Other Business of the Council

Order of the Day at 12:00—Worship, with Devotional Address by Very Rev. Georges Florovsky, Dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary

Friday Afternoon, December 1, 2:00-3:30

A. INITIAL MEETINGS OF CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS:

Broadcasting and Films, Empire Room, Hotel Cleveland Church World Service, Room 345, Hotel Statler Ecumenical Relations, Cypress Room, Hotel Hollenden Field Administration, Parlor C, Hotel Statler Finance, Assembly A, Hotel Cleveland Public Relations, Room 341, Hotel Statler Publication and Distribution, Assembly B, Hotel Cleveland Research and Survey, Parlor E, Hotel Statler

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Church Building and Architecture, Parlor H, Hotel Hollenden Washington Office, Parlor B, Hotel Hollenden

Also Initial Meetings of Departments within Divisions:

Department of Young People's Work, Private Dining Room 34-36, Hotel Cleveland

Department of the Church and Economic Life, Parlor G, Hotel Statler Department of International Justice and Goodwill, Euclid Ball Room, Hotel Statler

Department of Race Relations, Ohio Room, Hotel Statler

Department of Pastoral Services, Parlor F, Hotel Statler

Department of Social Welfare, Parlor H, Hotel Statler

Department of Worship and the Fine Arts, Parlor A, Hotel Hollenden Department of Town and Country, Assembly Room, Hotel Hollenden Department of the Urban Church, Parlor C, Hotel Hollenden

B. For Visiting Delegates—General Session in Music Hall
Theme: "This Nation Under God—Our Christian Witness"
Presiding: Dr. Charles J. Turck, President of Macalester College

Devotional Service: Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Minister of Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis.

Addresses: "The Christian's Witness in Our National Life" by Honorable Francis B. Sayre, Delegate of the U.S. to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations

"The Witness of the Church in Public Affairs" by Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president of Wellesley College and former Commander of the WAVES

Friday Afternoon, December 1, 4:00-5:00 IN THE AUDITORIUM

PLENARY BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presiding: Dr. Marvin O. Sansbury, President of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ

Prayer: Dr. Alfred Jensen, President of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Presentation of Program for Simultaneous Emphases in the Denominations Recommendations to National Council:

a. From Planning Committee

b. From Denominational Boards and Agencies

Business of the Council

Presentation of Message to the Churches

Friday Evening, December 1, at 8:00

A Service of Dedication

Acts of Worship, led by

Dr. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of General Council of Congregational Christian Churches

Mrs. Harper Sibley, formerly President of United Council of Church Women

Dr. F. P. Stocker, President of Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian Church

VERY REV. JOHN TRUTZA, President of the Episcopate's Council, Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America

BISHOP WILLIAM J. WALLS, African M. E. Zion Church Installation of Officers of the National Council Installation of the General Board and Staff of the National Council

SERMON: "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dr. Eugene C. Blake, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California

Music by the Messiah Chorus of Cleveland,

T. R. Evans, Conductor

Anne Griffith, Pianist

Joseph Hofrichter, Organist

CLOSING MESSAGE: "This Nation Under God," by the President of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

Saturday, December 2, at 9:30 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. Meetings of the General Board

On Sunday, December 3, the first Sunday in the life of the National Council, all churches have been asked to join in nation-wide services of thanksgiving and rededication to the great united task of bringing every area of life under the influence of Christ and His Kingdom.

Who's Who on the Program

- Acheson, Hon. Dean G., Washington, D. C., Secretary of State of the United States of America.
- Anderson, Dr. J. Lowrie, missionnary in the Sudan; moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.
- BAEZ-CAMARGO, PROFESSOR GONZALO, Mexico, minister of the Methodist Church; secretary of the National Evangelical Council of Mexico.
- Bersell, Dr. P. O., St. Paul, Minn., president of the Augustana Lutheran Church; former president of the National Lutheran Council.
- BITTINGER, DR. DESMOND W., McPherson, Kan., president of McPherson College; moderator of the General Conference of the Church of the Brethren.
- BLAKE, DR. EUGENE C., minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, Calif.; president of the board of trustees of the San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- Burr, Dr. Hugh C., Executive Secretary of the Rochester, N. Y., Federation of Churches, president of the Association of Council Secretaries.
- Chakko, Dr. Sarah, Lucknow, India, president of Isabella Thoburn College; secretary of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, World Council of Churches.
- COLWELL, MRS. HOWARD G., Loveland, Colo., former president of the American Baptist Convention.
- Dahlberg, Dr. Edwin T., minister of Delmar Baptist Church, St.

- Louis, Mo.; former president of the American Baptist Convention.
- Deschner, Mr. John, New York, N. Y., executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council; member of the executive committee of the World Student Christian Federation.
- ELLIOTT, Mr. Errol F., Richmond, Ind., secretary of the executive committee of the Five Years Meeting of Friends.
- Evans, Dr. Hugh I., minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, O.; moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
- FLOROVSKY, VERY REV. GEORGES, New York, N. Y., dean of the St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary; member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.
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- Harner, Dr. Nevin C., Lancaster, Pa., professor of Christian education in the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; vice-chairman of the International Council of Religious Education.
- Heinz, Mrs. Clifford S., Pittsburgh, Pa., lay leader in Christian education.
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- Hunter, Mrs. Hugh D., Toronto, Canada, president of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.
- Jensen, Dr. Alfred, Des Moines, Ia., president of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
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- LOPER, DR. VERE V., minister of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Cal., moderator of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.
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- Morse, Dr. Hermann N., New York, N. Y., general secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; former president of the Home Missions Council of North America.
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- Pruden, Dr. Edward H., minister of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.; president of the American Baptist Convention.
- RANDOLPH, Dr. Elmo F., minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis.
- Salisbury, Dr. Stanton W., Auburn, N. Y., chief of chaplains in the United States Navy; chairman of the board of chaplains in the armed forces.
- Sansbury, Dr. Marvin O., minister of the University Christian Church, Des Moines, Ia.; president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.
- Sayre, Hon. Francis B., Washington, D. C., former professor of law at Harvard University; formerly

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Walls, Bishop William J., Chicago, Ill., bishop of the second district of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.



Schedule of Meetings

Wednesday, November 29

2:15 р.м.	Division of Christian Education	Hotel Cleveland Ball Room
	Division of Christian Life and Work	Hotel Statler Euclid Ball Room
	Division of Home Missions	Hotel Hollenden Assembly Room
	Division of Foreign Missions	Hotel Hollenden Ball Room
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	Joint Department of RELIGIOUS LIBERTY	Hotel Statler Parlor C
	Joint Department of Stewardship	HOTEL STATLER Room 345
	Joint Department of American Communities Overseas	Hotel Hollenden Parlor B
	General Department of United Church Women	Hotel Statler Grand Ball Room
	General Department of United Church Men	Hotel Hollenden Assembly Room

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	Central Department of CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	HOTEL STATLER Room 345	
	Central Department of Ecumenical Relations	Hotel Hollenden Cypress Room	
	Central Department of Field Administration	Hotel Statler Parlor C	
	Central Department of FINANCE	Hotel Cleveland Assembly A	
	Central Department of Public Relations	Hotel Statler Room 341	
	Central Department of Publication and Distribution	Hotel Cleveland Assembly B	
	Central Department of Research and Survey	Hotel Statler Parlor E	
	Washington Office	Hotel Hollenden Parlor B	
	Bureau of Church Building and Architecture	Hotel Hollenden Parlor H	
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	Department of International Justice and Goodwill	Hotel Statler Euclid Ball Room	

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Parlor A

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Saturday, December 2

9:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

General Board National Council Hotel Statler Grand Ball Room

Commemorative Book

A special commemorative book, containing a complete account of the proceedings of the Constituting Convention and describing the spiritual significance of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, will be off the press early in 1951. The illustrated book which will contain a complete list of delegates may be ordered at the Information Center in Exhibit Hall.



The Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall, with many things to interest churchmen, is in the Auditorium's North Hall, one floor below the Arena. Go down the marble staircase in the main lobby (Lakeside Avenue entrance) and turn right at the foot of the stairs.

It will be open throughout the Convention, starting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. On Wednesday and Thursday it will be open from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All delegates and visitors are wel-

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Cleveland — Your Host City

This is the story about Cleveland, your convention city.

The Cleveland of today is a big, busy city—Ohio's first and the nation's sixth. It is nothing like the spot along Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River that General Moses Cleveland surveyed in July, 1796. This spot now is a city of more than a million people, the capital of a great trade empire, and an industrial giant.

Gems of the city's cultural treasures are the Cleveland Museum of Art and Severance Hall, both located in University Circle overlooking Wade Park. The art institution is one of the most beautiful museum buildings in America and through its cooperation with the city's schools and colleges has become an essential factor in the educational life of Cleveland. Severance Hall is the home of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. Other famous institutions in Cleveland include the Museum of Natural History, the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum, Dunham Tavern, the Public Library, the Health Museum, Brookside Zoo, and Nela Park University of Light.

Cleveland also ranks among the nation's outstanding cultural and educational centers. Western Reserve University, comprising various colleges, is one of Ohio's oldest and best collegiate institutions. Case Institute of Technology, adjoining the campus of Western Reserve, is among the country's top engineering schools. The two institutions occupy high ground overlooking beautiful Wade Park. Other Cleveland collegiate institutions are John Carroll University and Fenn, Ursuline and Notre Dame colleges.

The Public Auditorium, in which all general sessions of the Constituting Convention are being held, is famed throughout the country for its unique facilities and capacity. It has housed many of the largest meetings and expositions that are annually held in the United States, and frequently is the scene of great religious gatherings.

The Hall has three theaters, ten halls seating 75 to 500 each and many committee rooms and offices which make it ideal for an all-around convention operation. The main auditorium seats 12,500; the Music Hall seats 3,000 and can be thrown together with the main hall so that 16,000 can watch the action on the 5,000 square foot stage.

Hymns of the Church

Selected for Use at the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

1. O God, Our Help

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

Tune: St. Anne

A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home. *Amen*.

Isaac Watts, 1719

2. In Christ There is no East or West

In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.

Tune: St. Peter

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North; All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Amen.

John Oxenham, 1908

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3. Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his Name.

Tune: Duke Street

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen! *Amen*.

Isaac Watts, 1719

4. A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he: Lord Sabaoth his Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

Tune: Ein' Feste Burg

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us; We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us: The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gift are ours Through him who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever. Amen.

Martin Luther, 1529

5. LORD, WE THANK THEE

Lord we thank thee for our brothers, Keeping faith with us and thee; Joining heart to heart with others Making strong our company. With the cross our only standard, Let us sing with one great voice, Glory, glory, thine the kingdom; Churches in thy Church rejoice.

Tune: Austria

Hallow'd be thy name forever!
Heal our differences of old;
Bless thy church's new endeavor,
For thy kingdom make us bold!
One our Christ and one our gospel;
Make us one we now implore;
Glory, glory, thine the glory
Through the ages, evermore.

Roger K. Powell, 1948

6. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at his feet,

Tune: Miles Lane or Coronation

And crown him Lord of all; Go, spread your trophies at his feet, And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all; To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all. *Amen*.

Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

7. Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers; living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great power Shall win all nations unto thee; And through the truth that comes from God

Tune: St. Catherine

Mankind shall then be truly free: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. *Amen*.

Frederick W. Faber, 1849

8. The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Tune: Aurelia

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

9. Where Cross the Crowded Ways

Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sound the cries of race and clan, Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear thy voice, O Son of man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, On shadowed thresholds dark with fears, From paths where hide the lures of greed, We catch the vision of thy tears.

Tune: Germany

O Master, from the mountain side, Make haste to heal these hearts of pain; Among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again,

Till sons of men shall learn thy love, And follow where thy feet have trod; Till glorious from thy heaven above Shall come the city of our God. *Amen*.

Frank Mason North, 1903

10. I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain: I need Thee,
O I need Thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour,
I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their power When Thou are nigh. Refrain.

Tune: Need

I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain; Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

Refrain.

I need Thee every hour; Teach me Thy will; And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

Refrain.

Amen.

11. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Tune: Hamburg

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Amen.

Isaac Watts, 1707

Annie S. Hawkes, 1872

12. O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

O God, beneath thy guiding hand Our exiled fathers crossed the sea; And when they trod the wintry strand, With prayer and psalm they worshipped thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power

Shall onward, through all ages, bear The mem'ry of that holy hour.

Tune: Duke Street

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God Came those exiles o'er the waves; And where their pilgrim feet have trod, The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here thy Name, O God of love, Their children's children shall adore, Till these eternal hills remove, And spring adorns the earth no more.

Amen.

Leonard Bacon, 1833

13. BLEST BE THE TIE

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Tune: Boylston Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin, we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity. *Amen*.

John Fawcett, 1782

14. Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Ask ye what great thing I know That delights and stirs me so? What the high reward I win? Whose the Name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my fainting heart, Healing all its hidden smart? Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who will place me on his right, With the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

This is that great thing I know; This delights and stirs me so: Faith in him who died to save, Him who triumphed o'er the grave, Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Amen.

Johann C. Schwedler, 1672-1730 Translated by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804-1889

Tune: Hendon

15. ETERNAL GOD WHOSE SEARCHING EYE

Eternal God whose searching eye doth scan

Ages and climes no limits can confine; Broaden thy vistas in the eyes of man Till he shall share the vision that is thine.

Help him to see the kingdom of thy Son Wider than nation, deeper still than race;

Chasten his joy in meagre vict'ries won; Stablish his goings in a broader place. Brighten the light that shines upon his day:

Gird with thy love the weakness of his creeds;

Teach him to trust his fellows in the way;

Give him the faith that conquers and concedes.

Strike from his soul the fetters of his fears;

Level the barriers of the narrow mind; Advance thy church throughout the coming years,

Wide as the world and broad as human kind. Amen.

Edwin McNeill Poteat, 1948

Tune: Toulon

16. THINE IS THE GLORY

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Tune: Arranged from Handel's "Judas Maccabeus"

Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom; Let his church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of Life! Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.

Amen.

Refrain

Edmond Budry, 1884 Translated by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923

17. Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee; Leave, ah! leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in thee I find: Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy Name; I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am, Thou are full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the Fountain art, Freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

Amen.

Charles Wesley, 1740

Tune: Martyn or Hollingside

18. Come, Ye Faithful

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness:
God hath brought his people forth Into joy from sadness,
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Tune: St. Kevin

'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying. Amen.

John of Damascus (8th century)

19. God of the Spirit Wind

God of the spirit wind, whose rushing quickened

Men of all nations to faith in thy word, Waken our courage as their's was awakened,

Breathe out thy spirit on us, O Lord.

Touch us with cloven flame, forging forgiveness,

Fusing our hearts into fervent accord, Steeling our wills with the faith that thou livest

Temper our souls with thy fire, O Lord.

Tune: Russian Hymn

God of the glowing love, making men brothers,

Burn out the dross of belief in the sword; Fashion one vision more golden than others:

Peace evermore through thy mercy, Lord.

Then shall thy spirit-sons, purged of all hatred,

Spurning all envy and martial reward, Stand a world-nation, united and sacred, Pledging eternal good-will, O Lord.

Amen.

Earl Marlatt, 1944

20. God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,

Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by thee our lot is cast; Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,

Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,

Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,

Lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,

And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Amen.

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876

Tune: National Hymn

21. O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

Tune: Materna

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success by nobleness,
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea. Amen
Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, 1904

22. Shed Thou, O Lord, Thy Light

Shed thou, O Lord, thy light On this strong land. Firm in the ways of right Strong may she stand. Make her to all earth kin, Teach her to share; Cleanse her of inward sin; Lord, hear our prayer.

Purge thou from pride her life; Stay lust for gain; Save from unholy strife; Let justice reign. Make her thine instrument To bring earth peace, Good will her armament Till wars shall cease.

Here let all men be free Under thy sun, Bound in fraternity, All peoples one. Here let thy truth be power, All deeds be just. Save, Lord, in this grave hour; In thee we trust. Amen.

Tune: Bread of Life

Georgia Harkness, 1944

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